

Ed Skanes Racer Restorations

From Hobby Time to the “Big Time”

Those of us who are auto racing fans know just how addictive it can be. Think how addictive it must be for the men and women who drive these super speedsters.

One such driver and auto enthusiast is Mr. Ed Skanes, one of the partners involved in Ed Skanes Racer Restorations, which has been located in Building 103 since January 2000. Mr. Skanes raced professionally in the Midwest during 1949, '50, and '51. However, due to the inherent danger of auto racing at the time, he chose to retire from the sport and instead became involved in the natural gas pipeline business.

Mr. Skanes has since retired from that business and decided that he needed a hobby to pass the time. He revisited the passions of his youth and discovered the perfect endeavor – building and restoring vintage automobiles, especially race cars.

It turns out that Mr. Skanes wasn't the only gearhead in the garage. He hooked up with fellow racing fans and friends David McGaughey and Richard Geis. They liked the idea so much that they decided to go into business with him. One of Mr. Geis's “babies” is his red 1922 Ford T-Bucket, which is appropriately named “Double Deuce” and which he built from a car kit.



Richard Geis and the “Double Deuce” at Bluegrass Station courtesy of Mr. Ed Skanes

His widow Sheryl adopted and raised a boy named Gary, who now drives the “42” car for Mr. Skanes.

Mr. Skanes, Gary Savage, and the ‘Cuda are invited to numerous prestigious vintage racing events both national and international. For example, Mr. Savage drove the ‘Cuda at the 2001 Goodwood Festival of Speed in Chichester, England. This festival is considered motor racing's equivalent of tennis's Wimbledon and is unique in that Lord March, the Earl of March, hosts the event at his estate (including a castle, stables, golf course, hotel, airfield, and helipad as well as motorcycle, horse, and auto racing tracks). Mr. Savage and the ‘Cuda competed on the 1.16-mile hillclimb course, which also serves as the driveway to the castle.

Mr. Skanes and Mr. Savage also exhibited the ‘Cuda at the Louis Vuitton Classic, which was held at the Rockefeller Center in Manhattan, New York during autumn 2000. The organizers invited only six cars in each category, so they felt quite honored to be asked to attend.

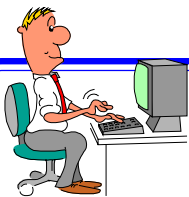
Mr. Skanes invites you to drop by and take a look at the Racer Restorations shop. The on-site phone number is (859) 293-3177. Some related websites of interest include Gary Savage's Savage Silence Racing site at www.SSRracing.com as well as the Goodwood Festival of Speed's site at www.goodwood.co.uk.

Mr. Skanes's passion is a 1970 Trans-Am Plymouth Barracuda (‘Cuda) that he bought in 1982 and restored. The ‘Cuda carries the number “42” and has quite a racing history. For example, the car was built in the Santa Ana, California shop of road racing legend Dan Gurney, who was also its original driver. For those of you familiar with auto racing, Mr. Gurney was named “Racer of the Century” by Racer Magazine.

The next driver of the “42” car was racing star Swede Savage. Unfortunately, Mr. Savage died from injuries obtained in an accident in a different car at the 1973 Indianapolis 500.



Hot Wheels card with driver Gary Savage and the “42” ‘Cuda courtesy of www.SSRracing.com



From the desk of the Director...

TO THE BLUEGRASS STATION FAMILY OF TENANTS AND EMPLOYEES

Happy New Year to all of Bluegrass Station's tenants and employees! My name is Joe N. Wilkins and I became Bluegrass Station Division's director on August 1, 2001, after the retirement of W. Cleland White. This is my first newsletter and I have great things to report, including the following:

- * Bluegrass Station now employs more than 1,500 people!
- * Mr. John Jeter opened Bluegrass Quality Restorations in Building 153 in October. His business specializes in woodworking.
- * Franklin Career Services is expanding. It all began with the Franklin College Truck Driving School, then became the Top Gun Driving Academy, LLC. Top Gun now provides not only truck driving instruction, but also training in how to operate heavy equipment such as bulldozers and backhoes. The heavy equipment school leased Building 138 in September. In addition, Franklin Career Services will be opening the Material Handling Training Center, LLC, in Building 4 in February! This operation will assist students in obtaining certification for driving forklifts and will provide cross training on seven classifications of material handling.
- * Bluegrass Station Division hosted a commercial/business tenant meeting on November 15. This session allowed the tenants to express concerns, needs, and issues to the Division's staff. An added bonus is that the tenants got a chance to meet each other and possibly do business together. We plan to hold these meetings quarterly, with the next one scheduled for Wednesday, February 13, at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room of Building 18.
- * Paul Johnson, Bluegrass Station Division's computer guru, redesigned the Bluegrass Station website. Check it out at www.Bluegrass-Station.com.
- * The new voice mail system is up and running! It's a great deal at only \$1.00 per month/per phone line. Call Jim Robinson at (859) 293-4278 to activate your voice mail service today. Thanks to everyone for your understanding and patience while the Division's telecommunications staff worked night and day to install the new service.
- * The Division's roads and grounds maintenance crew also worked day and night to clear the roads after the first big snowfall of the season! Thanks for your patience while they did their job.
- * The tenants and employees came through again for Bluegrass Station's food drive this year. Thanks to your generosity, God's Pantry was able to make the holiday season a little brighter for those in need.
- * The new 2002 vehicle windshield decals are here! Please keep in mind that tenants and employees must display the new stickers to enter Bluegrass Station. Stop by my office in Building 18 to pick up yours today.

Please feel free to call me at (859) 293-4212 with any questions, comments, suggestions, or concerns. We value your business and appreciate the fact that you chose to lease space or work at Bluegrass Station.

As an added note, I would like to recognize all of the employees who work here at Bluegrass Station that are fellow National Guardsmen who have been mobilized to help America with her fight for enduring freedom. Please keep these people in your thoughts.

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